

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

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Applicant claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 of German Application Nos. 199 25 798.1 and 199 43 072.1 filed June 3, 1999 and September 6, 1999, respectively. Applicant also claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §120 of PCT/DE00/01808 filed May 31, 2000. The international application under PCT article 21(2) was not published in English.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 18 as follows:

18. (Amended) The surface acoustic wave filter according to claim 15, characterized in that the source intensity function and the reflection function are determined by means of an optimization method.

A marked-up version of prior pending claim 18 showing the changes made is attached as Exhibit A.

REMARKS

By this Preliminary Amendment, the application has been amended to conform with U.S. practice, the cross-reference to related applications has been inserted on page 1, claim 18 has